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¶1. Consulate General Munich wishes to express its appreciation for the assistance provided by colleagues in Mission Germany supporting the 43d Munich Security Conference. This was the largest Security Conference in history with four heads of government, 16 foreign ministers, and 24 defense ministers. The U.S. delegation held 17 bilateral meetings. U.S. participation was substantial, with a total delegation of 242, including Secretary of Defense Gates, a senior-level CODEL with 10 members of Congress headed by Senators Lieberman and McCain, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Kimmitt, EUR PDAS Volker, Ambassador to Germany Timken, Ambassador to NATO Nuland, Ambassador Galbraith of USNATO, and representatives from USOSCE, EUR/RPM, and EUR/AGS.

¶2. In particular, post would like to recognize the following offices/individuals from elsewhere in Mission Germany who assisted with the conference. Without their assistance and teamwork, our Mission could not have made the important participation by senior U.S. Government officials at the conference a success:

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[13.](#) (U) Previous reporting from Munich is available on our SIPRNET website at www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/munich/ .

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